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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF DANILO POKLEPOVIC AS IDB REPRESENTATIVE

REF: MEXICO 3562, SANTIAGO 2442

FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

1. WE APPRECIATE CABLE RE POKLEPOVIC. DISCREET INQUIRY REVEALS THAT POKLEPOVIC HAS GOOD REPUTATION, BOTH AS TECHNICIAN AND IN POSITION HELD UNTIL RECENTLY AS ALTERNATIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. ALONG THESE LINES, POKLEPOVIC WAS COMMENDED BY BRAZILIAN DIRECTOR BARBOSA FOR POKLEPOVIC'S PREVIOUS WORK AS IDB RESIDENT ENGINEER IN BRAZIL AND WAS HIGHLY PRAISED BY BANK BOARD AT CONCLUSION OF HIS TERM AS ALTERNATE ED.

2. HE WAS ORIGINALLY APPOINTED IDB REPRESENTATIVE IN VENEZUELA, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT FIELD POST AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF GOV'S NEW IMPORTANCE IN IDB. DECISION TO CHANGE
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ASSIGNMENT TO MEXICO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH POKLEPOVIC
PROFESSIONALLY OR PERSONALLY, BUT WAS DUE TO NEW GOV'S OWN
IDEAS REGARDING FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR VENEZUELA.

3. IDB PRESIDENT ORTIZ MENA HAS CLEARLY TAKEN A MAJOR
INTEREST IN SECURING THIS POSITION FOR POKLEPOVIC. APPOINT-
MENT OF POKLEPOVIC TO MEXICO, WHICH IS A POSITION OF
IMPORTANCE SIMILAR TO THE VENEZUELAN SLOT, IS A NATURAL

DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE FEEL WOULD BE UNWISE TO ATTEMPT TO
BLOCK. THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY THE USG OFFICIALS WHO HAVE
DEALT WITH POKLEPOVIC IN PAST AND DO NOT VISUALIZE HIM
BECOMING PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE. RUSH

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